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The following observations were made in Gera (4 51/X 06)  
between 8 and 24 March 1950:

## 1. Barracks on Steinertsberg:

a. Gate guards wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia.

b. Four trucks with mounted rail-type rocket launchers were seen in the garages on 10 March 1950. [REDACTED]

c. A squad of six soldiers, apparently recruits, constructed a telephone line. Three units, each in about company strength, were seen to fall in at the barracks yard successively on 17 March 1950. A lieutenant colonel left the barracks.

## 2. Barracks in Gera-Tinz:

a. Gate guards wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia.

b. Three T34 tanks were seen in the barracks yard on 19 March 1950. [REDACTED]

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3. Former kommandatura on Ebelingstrasse:

Occupied by a new unit on 8 March 1950. Thirty motor vehicles with superstructures carrying bridge-building equipment were observed. [REDACTED]

The kommandatura gate was guarded by a soldier wearing red-bordered black epauletts on 17 March 1950. [REDACTED]

4. Most of the married officers at the post had recently been replaced by young officers. (4)

Comment:

(1) The unit stationed in the barracks on Steinertsberg (also referred to as Reuss Kaserne) include the HQ XXVIII Gas Ltz Rifle Corps, the 578th AT Arty Regt/38th AT Arty Brig and a rocket launcher unit (316th RL Regt?), according to previous information which is confirmed by the report (observation of artillery insignia, trucks with mounted rail-type rocket launchers [REDACTED])

(2) A tank battalion was reported to be stationed in the barracks in 1948. The observation of T34 tanks indicated that a tank unit of the 20th Gds Mecz Div may be there.

(3) An engineer unit of the GORP (elements of the 36th Pz bridge Regt?), [REDACTED] The unit may have been there temporarily (passing through en route to a troop training grounds?). [REDACTED]

(4) The information agrees with reports from other military posts.

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